

Satellite image with enhanced low cloud-top temperatures (degrees C) for 6:45 a.m. EST (NOAA)

Agricultural Weather Highlights - Monday - June 25, 2001

- *In the West*, cooler-than-normal conditions are reducing irrigation requirements. In addition, scattered showers are aiding pastures, winter wheat, and summer crops in the *Northwest and Intermountain West*.
- *On the Plains*, slightly cooler weather favors summer crop development. Winter wheat harvest delays are confined to isolated areas on the *High Plains*, where a few thunderstorms continue.
- *In the Corn Belt*, today's high temperatures are forecast to range from near 85 degrees F in *eastern areas* to near 95 degrees F in *westernmost portions of the region*. Soil moisture remains mostly adequate to locally surplus for summer crop development.
- *In the South*, warm, mostly dry weather continues to favor pastures and summer crops. Lingering showers are confined to areas from the *Carolinas southward into Florida*, further easing long-term rainfall deficits.

<u>Outlook</u>: For the remainder of the week, near- to below-normal temperatures are forecast across the *South and West*. Above-normal temperatures will be confined to areas from the *central High Plains into the Northeast*, including much of the *Corn Belt*. Widespread showers are forecast to accompany the cool weather in the *South and Northwest*, while mostly dry weather is expected in the *Corn Belt*. Scattered showers are forecast on the *northern Plains* and in the *Four Corners region*. The NWS 6-10 day outlook for June 30 - July 4 calls for hot weather to overspread the *northern Plains and Northwest*. Near- to below-normal temperatures are expected elsewhere. Near- to above-normal rainfall is forecast nearly nationwide, with the most significant precipitation expected across the *Plains and the South*.

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